

California Building Standards Commission
Department Water Resources 2002 Recycled Water Task Force
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Welcome To The California Building Standards Commission

Who
How
Why
What

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Who?

- Secretary Of State And Consumer Services Agency – Chair
- Architect
- Licensed Contractor
- Local Building Official
- Local Fire Official
- Mechanical Engineer
- Organized Labor
- Public Member - Disabled
- Public Member – Two

(All 11 Are Appointed By The Governor)




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How?

California Building Standards Law ⁽¹⁾ of 1953
Established the Building Standards Commission

SB331 (1980) expanded CBSC authority and required state agencies to submit adopted standards to the Commission to have them reviewed and approved for publication in Title 24 – previously they were published in a multitude of individual titles.



⁽¹⁾http://www.bsc.ca.gov/abt_bsc/documents/cbse_law.pdf

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Why?

To produce a California Building Standards Code in an easily understandable and usable format⁽¹⁾

To coordinate and manage the state's adoption and/or approval process of model codes⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾California Building Standards Commission Strategic Plan

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BSC Vision

To ensure that the statewide building code development and adoption process is efficient and effective.



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Building Standards Commission Role And Responsibilities

- Processing And Publication Entity
- Coordinate That Written By Others
- Model Codes Selected By Others
- Amendments Prepared By Others

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Duties

- Review and approve building standards proposed and adopted by state agencies
- Codify and publish building standards in one state building standards code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24)
- Administer California's building code adoption process
- Resolve conflicts, duplications, and overlaps in building standards
- Ensure nomenclature and format consistency in the code
- Hear appeals resulting from administration of state building code
- Receive local agency modifications to Title 24
- Coordinate and manage model code adoption process for various state agencies
- Adopt and approve model codes and building standards for state owned buildings, including those constructed by the Trustees of the California State University and Regents of the University of California
- Adopting and approving model codes for state agencies that fail to adopt these codes within one year of their publication

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What?

California Building Standards Processes

Building Standards Adoption:

- Approving, Returning, or Rejecting Standards
- Regular Rulemaking
- Emergency Rule Making
- Annual & Triennial Code Adoption Cycles
- National Model Code Adoption
- Local Amendments -
More restrictive provisions based upon Climactic, Geologic or Topographic Findings

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BSC Decision Criteria - Nine Points

Health & Safety Code Sec. 18930


- 1) Do not conflict, overlap or duplicate other standards
- 2) Be within the parameters of enabling legislation
- 3) Be in the public interest
- 4) Not be unreasonable, arbitrary or capricious
- 5) Have a reasonable cost given the standard's benefit
- 6) Not be ambiguous or vague
- 7) Incorporate model codes
- 8) Use a format consistent with the Commission's format
- 9) Have State Fire Marshal approval if they promote fire and panic safety

All other policy issues are decided by the proposing agency, not the BSC.

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What is Missing?

Who writes the codes and the amendments?



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Not The Building Standards Commission!



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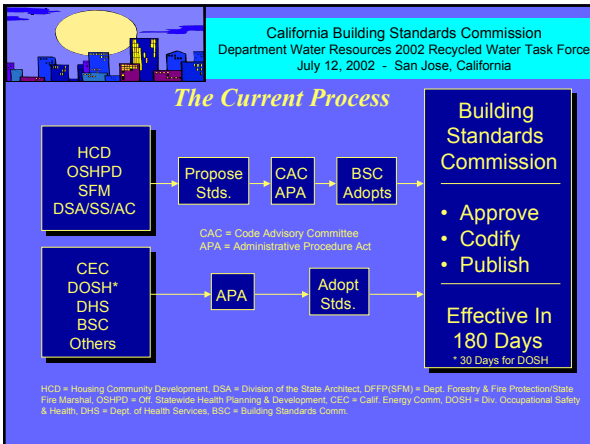
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But, The State Agencies With the Statutory Authority:

- Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)
- Dept. of Industrial Relations, Div. Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)
- Division of the State Architect Structural and Access (DSA)
- Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
- Department of Health Services (DHS)
- California Energy commission (CEC)
- State Historical Building Safety Board (SHBSB)
- Dept. of Food and Agriculture (DFA)
- Dept. of the Youth Authority (CYA)
- Dept. of Water Resources (DWR)
- Board of Corrections (BOC)
- California State Library (CSL)
- Dept. Consumer Affairs (DCA)



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Enforcement

- DSA enforces their structural and access standards by plan check and construction inspection
- OSHPD enforces their provisions the same way
- SFM uses the local fire marshals
- Others are dependent on the local building officials

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Thanks For Listening – Any Questions?

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